

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department – Imposing of Ban on procuring, stocking, sale and use of Chinese Manja (nylon thread) and glass-coated Manja for kite flying – Notification - Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (For.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.6

Dated: 17.1.2018
Read the following:

1. From the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, Government of India, D.O.No.17/16/2014-AWD, Dt.09-09-2014.
2. From the Chief Wild Life Warden, Lr.Rc.No.680/2015/WL-2, dt.16-01-2015.
3. From the Member Secretary, Telangana State Bio-diversity Board, Lr.Ref.No.319/TSBDB/2015, Dt.10-12-2015.
4. From the Member Secretary, Telangana State Pollution Control Board, Lr.No.Gen-07/TSPCB/Plastic/2015-2167, Dt.23-12-2015.
5. G.O.Ms.No.2 Environment, Forest Science & Technology (ENV) Deptt., dated:13.01.2016.
6. The National Green Tribunal order in O.A.No.384 of 2016, Dated:14.12.16.
7. G.O.Ms.No.5, EFS&T (For.III) Deptt., dated: 28.1.2017.
8. Govt. letter No. 5030/For.III/A2/2017, dated: 11.12.2017.
9. From the M.S., TSPCB, Hyd. letter No. 04/Gen /TSPCB /Plastic/2017-3077, dated:13.12.2017.

O R D E R:

WHEREAS, ARTICLE 48-A of the Constitution of India, inter-alia envisages Protection and improvement of environment and safeguarding of forests and wild life. The State shall endeavour to protect and improve the environment and to safeguard the forests and wild life of the country;

2. AND WHEREAS, during kite flying several kites get cut in the sky as a consequence of kite competition or otherwise. All these cut threads along with the kite remain on the land. Because of the very long life of the plastic materials and being non-biodegradable in nature, these threads continue to be causing problems such as blockage of sewers, drainage lines, natural waterways such as rivers, streams etc. and suffocation of cows and other animals also who eat food items along with such plastic materials. Thus the impacts of such plastic materials used for making thread commonly known as Chinese Manja are many and varied;

3. AND WHEREAS, extensive use of synthetically manufactured Chinese thread Manja which are non-biodegradable, conductors of electricity often result in flash-over on the power lines and substations, which may cause power interruptions to consumers, straining and damaging electrical assets, causing accidents, injuries and loss of life;

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4. AND WHEREAS, it is also a well known fact that the activity of the birds is at peak during 6:00 AM to 8:00 AM in morning and from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM in evening and it is desirable to protect the birds including the kites and vultures which are getting extinct day by day and classified as rare and endangered species, and need to protect them from the fatal Manja;

5. Therefore, in order to prevent adverse effects on human beings, cattle population, soil and ecology, the Government of Telangana have decided to impose a ban on procuring, stocking, sale and use Chinese Manja (nylon thread) and glass coated Manja for kite flying.

6. Accordingly, the draft notification vide G.O.7th read above calling the objection and suggestions from the persons likely to be effected within 60 days to Member Secretary, Telangana State Pollution Control Board were issued. The same was published in the Extraordinary Issue of the Telangana Gazette No.26, dated: 28th, January, 2017 inviting objections and suggestions. But no objections or suggestions were received within the stipulated period.

7. Accordingly, the following notification will be published in the extraordinary issue of the Telangana Gazette dated: 22.1.2018.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (Act No. 29 of 1986) read with sub rule (3) of rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 and Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, Notification No.SO 667 (E) dated 10th September, 1992, the Government hereby direct that;

- (i) there shall be complete ban on the sale, production, storage, supply and use of nylon, plastic and Chinese Manja and any other kite-flying thread that is sharp or made sharp such as by being laced with glass, metal or other sharp objects in the State of Telangana,
- (ii) the Kite flying shall be permissible only with a cotton thread/natural fibre free from any metallic /glass components.

The violation of direction, issued under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 or the rules made there under shall be punishable under section 15 of the said Act which include imprisonment up to five years and / or with fine which may be extended to Rupees. One Lakh or with both.

8. This notification shall come into force on the date of its final publication in the Extraordinary issue of the official Gazette of the State of Telangana.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

Dr. RAJAT KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner, Printing, Stationary & Stores Purchase
(Publication Wing), Chanchalguda, Hyderabad (with a request to publish the Notification in the next issue of the Telangana Gazette and to send 150 copies of the same to this Deptt.,)

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The Member Secretary, Telangana State Pollution Board, Paryavaran Bhavan,
A-3, Industrial Estate, Sanathnagar, Hyderabad-500018.

Copy to:-

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,(WL) & Chief Wild Life Warden
Telangana State, Hyderabad.

The Member Secretary, Bio-diversity Board, Hyderabad.

The Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change,
Government of India, New Delhi.

The Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation/Hyderabad
Metropolitan Development Authority, Hyderabad.

All Heads of the Departments.

All District Collectors.

All Superintendents of Police.

The Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department, Hyderabad.

The Law (A) Department.

The P.S. to Additional Secretary to C.M/M (F&E)/C.S./Special C.S.

The P.S. to Prl. Secretary, EFS&T Deptt.,

The P.A.to Spl. Secretary (FAC), EFS&T Deptt.,

Sf/Sc (C.No.5030/For.III/A2/2016)

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